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SCRAP, ROLLED IRON, AND PIPE SHORTAGES (2 pp; German; undated)

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This typewritten document can be divided into three parts.

1. SAG (Soviet Corporation) Bleichert, Leipzig, produces bridges and conveyor equipment for the USSR. The plant suffers from severe shortages of cast iron, steel castings, rolled iron, and small material. The Soviet management has ordered a search for suitable materials in all accessible East German plants. Materials found are to be reported to Director Andreyev of the ZKV/Weissensee for requisitioning.
2. All Land governments and ministries which had received allocations for rolled iron [from the State Secretariat of Material Supply ?] had their quotas cut by approximately one-third because available capacities and raw materials were not even sufficient to complete the most important constructions under way. The following are considered as the most important constructions: 1) one large coking plant at Lauchhammer/West; another one is planned. 2) Metallurgical Combine East, Fuerstenberg/Oder. 3) Metallurgical Combine West, Calbe/Saale. 4) Four SAG enterprises. 5) Four other key constructions. 6) Other important industrial constructions.

The Lauchhammer Plant needs 120,000 tons of rolled iron, but only 90,000 tons could be made available and only if the abovementioned quota cut is carried out. There is not enough scrap available for the Lauchhammer, Fuerstenberg, and Calbe plants to fill their orders. The scrap situations in East Germany is getting continuously worse. (Some details are given on the scrap situation at the Brandenburg, Riesa, Hennigsdorf, and Fuerstenberg plants.)

3. DHZ (German Trade Center) - Gera, Metallurgy, Pipes. Total requirements of seamless boiler pipe and high-pressure pipe can be met only by four percent. The only East German supplier for these pipes is the Riesa plant. All pipes over 110 and under 40 millimeters in diameter which cannot be supplied by the Riesa plant, must be imported. However, little import is expected and it is feared that prevailing conditions will lead to the use of secondary quality materials, formerly rejects, in order to meet the most pressing demands.

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